



Wheatley Lane Methodist Primary School Newsletter 15/5/26



This half term the weekly message from Wheatley Lane Methodist Church will be written by Rev. Adrian

Dear friends

Did you enjoy the 'Noah's Ark' event run by the Methodist Church? Did you spot all the animals? Did you get your prize? Do you have any idea what I'm talking about?

Well, a lot of work was put into our Noah's Ark weekend, and thank you to Denise especially – and to many of you who made animals of various shapes and sizes, and who displayed them in your windows!

As well as the wonderful animals, the rainbow is another significant symbol in the Biblical story of Noah and the Ark.

After the flood had receded, God painted a rainbow in the sky and made a promise – that never again will He flood the earth.

The rainbow has become a symbol of God's promise.

The story teaches us:

- a) That God is not a God of destruction. He ensured that 2 of every kind of animal would be spared when the floods came.
- b) That His promise will always be with us. And what He promises, He will always fulfil.

I pray that you will know this God of protection and promise in your own life.

With best wishes,

Rev Adrian

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for your protection when the floods come in our own lives. Thank you for your promise – that you will never leave us...that you will always be with us. Please help us to lean on you, and even if it doesn't, make sense, help us to do what you ask us to do and trust you. Amen

The Noah's Ark event is this weekend. Make sure you visit!

Rare Disease Day

On Friday 22nd May we will be supporting Rare Disease Day in school to help raise awareness and show our support for Reggie, who has a rare disease. Children are invited to come to school wearing bright non-uniform clothing to celebrate their special and unique identities, just as every rare disease is unique. We kindly ask for a £1 donation, which will help support awareness and the rare disease charity.



Reflection Garden

Today was the official opening of our Reflection Garden. It's a wonderful addition to our school grounds providing a quiet place for pupils and staff to pause amongst the busyness of everyday life as well as a place to remember some very special people to our school.

A huge thank you to the working party who have spent many hours planning, organising and bringing the vision to life. It wouldn't have been possible without the generous donations from Heidelberg materials and North Valley Forge. We are very grateful to everyone who has been involved.



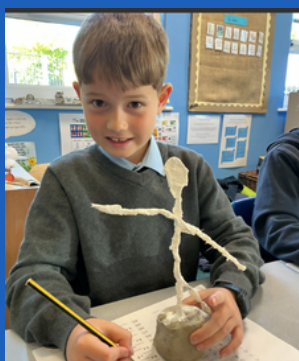
What's been happening in school this week

This week has been SATs week for our y6 pupils. They have undertaken 6 tests over 4 days. We are so proud of each and everyone one of them for showing determination, resilience and excellent effort.

Year 3 have been making a Noah's Ark display for the church's Noah's Ark trail which is happening this weekend.

Reception have been trying really hard with their number bonds to 10. They have been learning about special places in RE and building their own.

In Year 4 the children have been creating Plaster of Paris and wire sculptures on a plinth in our Art lessons. It was tricky to get the Plaster of Paris to stick to the wire, but they showed perseverance and resilience, with pleasing end results.



Diary Dates

20/5/26	Choir Concert	6pm in the school hall
21/5/26	Y4 worship	8:50am in the school hall
25/6/26	Y5 worship	8:50am in the school hall
29/6/26	Sports Day	Infants 9:30am Juniors 1:30pm
2/7/26	Y1 worship	8:50am in the school hall
14/7/26	Y5/6 play	The Hippodrome, Colne (evening)
16/7/26	Reception worship	8:50am in the school hall
21/7/26	Y6 leavers' service	2pm in church



Phonics Screening Test

The Y1 Phonics Screening Test takes place during the week beginning the 8th June. Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting. The information is on the Y1 Classdojo page.



Uniform

Just a polite reminder about our school uniform.

Please can you ensure all footwear has a fastening or laces. Slip on shoes with no fastenings are not suitable. The children spend a lot of time playing out and running around.

We do not allow jewellery in school. There has been lots of children coming to school with bracelets or wristbands. Please keep these for use at home.

Please ensure long hair is tied back with a plain band in school colours.

Thank you for your support.



Sports News

Our year 5 & 6 Girls' football team played the final round of the Pendle School Sports league this Wednesday evening.

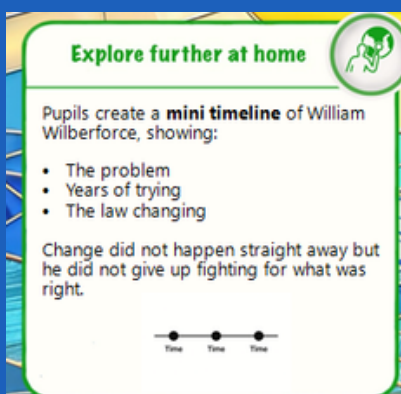
They have represented Wheatley Lane with great strength, determination and team spirit. The girls were all exceptional and ended the evening as winners! 🏆



Well done girls - We are very proud of you all!

On Thursday evening, some of our year 5's and 6's represented Wheatley Lane at a darts 🎯 event at Skylight Darts in Colne.

They were all amazing and came third overall!



Epworth Worship Together

This week's worship is led by Bedford Hall Methodist Primary School. se the QR code to watch at home.



Attendance Matters

Reception	94%
Year 1	95.9%
Year 2	88.2%
Year 3	98%
Year 4	98.6%
Year 5	94.1%
Year 6	99.3%

Weekly Winners



No school days missed	100%	Fantastic future
2 days absent	99%	10 learning hours lost
4 days absent	98%	20 learning hours lost
6 days absent	97%	30 learning hours lost
7.5 days absent	96%	37.5 learning hours lost
9.5 days absent	95%	47.5 learning hours lost
11 days absent	94%	55 learning hours lost
13 days absent	93%	65 learning hours lost
15 days / 3 weeks absent	92%	75 learning hours lost
17 days absent	91%	85 learning hours lost
19 days absent	90%	95 learning hours lost

Special Awards

REC	Wilf - showing an interest in our non-fiction book about stargazing and being able to recall facts about stars
Y1	Freddie - fantastic artwork using collage to create minibeasts
Y2	Myla - a real improvement in her handwriting. Well Done!
Y3	Martha - Lovely manners and always making right choices
Y4	Daisy - Some fantastic swimming this week showing skills in a range of different strokes
Y5	Phoebe J - trying hard even when things get tricky.
Y6	Everyone - for their excellent effort with SATs this week



Headteacher Award

Megan (Y6) - Megan chose kindness over competition. When the opposition were a player short in the Girls' Football, she volunteered and tried her best for them. We are so proud of you Megan.

Noah's Ark

trail through the village

Sat 16th + Sun 17th May

11am – 4pm

Fun for all the family

Come and search for
Noah's animals

Pick up your map from church.
All proceeds for church funds.



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Wellbeing Matters

The Brain is Like a Muscle: Helping a Child Love the Hard Part

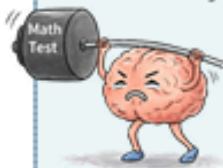


Use this guide when a child wants to quit, feels frustrated, or says, "I'm just not good at this." Hard things do not always mean failure. Often, they mean the brain is learning. When children keep trying through challenges, the brain builds new connections and grows stronger over time.

Struggle can be a sign of growth.

WHEN A CHILD WANTS TO QUIT

Explain that hard work often means the brain is growing. Struggle does not mean they cannot do it.



Say: "This feels hard because your brain is learning something new. That's how growth happens."

WHEN THE TASK FEELS TOO BIG

Explain that big tasks become easier when broken into small steps. Small progress still counts.



Say: "Let's do one small part first. Small steps help your brain grow too."

WHEN A CHILD NEEDS A NEW STRATEGY

Explain to your child that trying a different approach isn't giving up – it's smart training.



Say: "Your brain is working hard. Let's think of a different way to tackle this – what else could we try?"

WHEN A CHILD SHUTS DOWN

Explain to your child that rest is part of how the brain muscle actually grows – not a sign of weakness.



Say: "Your brain did a big job today. Let's give it time to rest so it can grow stronger."

A NOTE ON PRAISE



Try praising **effort**, **strategies**, and **persistence** more than fixed traits. Instead of saying, "You're so smart," try "You kept going when it was hard." This helps children connect success with effort and growth.

This idea is based on **Neuroplasticity** – the brain can grow and change through practice. Every hard task is a workout, moving a child from "I'm not smart" to the evidence-based truth: "I am building a stronger brain."